

## COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

December 5, 2016  
MEETING NOTES

Present: Renee Katz, Paul Lofgren, Dave Magill, Mark Pharaoh, Ingrid Pufahl, Chris Richardson, Felecia Wilson, Gabe Albornoz [Rec], Susan Hoffmann [Rec], Ron Maxson [CUPF], John Nissel [Parks], Robin Riley [Rec]

Absent: Morton Davis, Wesley Japp, Vernard McBeth, Jeff Bourne [Rec], Susan Hartung [Commission on Disabilities], Mike Riley [Parks], June Zillich [MCPS]

Chris Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

The December Agenda was unanimously approved with a change. The November meeting notes were unanimously approved.

### New Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board – Gabe Albornoz

- The agenda was adjusted to start with 2016-2017 Greater Board Participation. Gabe observed that the Board's name was changed without notice, but both Recreation and Parks are pleased to move forward. Gabe reviewed the steps for membership on the new Board for both current members who are interested in continuing to serve, as well as the application process for new members. One should follow the Boards/Committees/Commissions [B/C/C] recommendations for the interview process which will include one staff each from Recreation and from Parks.
- Gifts were presented to David Magill and Renee Katz, who will not be returning to the new Board, in gratitude for their service on the Board.
- A Board member asked what is the mission and what changes will there be with the new Board? Gabe responded that Recreation, Parks and Community Use of Public Facilities are working more closely and the new Board will strengthen that relationship between Board members and those agencies. He said that this will be an opportunity to expand the Board's reach, including inviting advocacy groups, synthesize, and weigh in heavily.
- Board question: Will there be any change to the bylaws? Staff will research.
- Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame – an advisory committee will be established, including representation from the Countywide Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, and athletic director[s] from MCPS, to create criteria and a process for nomination to the Hall of Fame.

### Rec Update – Gabe Albornoz

- Meeting with County Council PHED Committee in December regarding the \$54 million Silver Spring Community Recreation and Aquatics Center at Elizabeth house. Working closely with Housing Opportunities Commission [HOC]. The project is not assured.
- The Good Hope Neighborhood Recreation Center groundbreaking will be December 10.
- Meeting with the Board of Elections to plan for the next Early Voting which impacts our facilities.
- Basketball starts soon.
- Aquatics is fully underway with high school competitions

- Recreation staff retreat is scheduled for December 8. The vision statement will be updated.  
Additional update - Robin Riley
  - Summer camp guide is in production

#### Parks Update – John Nissel

- Bought a portable pump track. Parks is traveling with it around the County. The track includes eight to ten bikes for those without a bike.
- Cabin John Ice Rink had solo performances.
- Parks presented to the PHED Committee their Ballfield Collector Program. It will be presented to the Board at the March meeting.
- December 10 and 11 – Christmas on the Farm at the Ag History Park
- December 18 – Winter Solstice observance at Brookside Gardens
- Board urged to visit the Festival of Lights at Brookside Gardens. Tickets were distributed.
- Instituted new Rain Out software for cancellation notification.
- Leveling a house at Ellsworth Dog Park.
- Received a \$1 million donation for a new huge greenhouse at Brookside Gardens.
- The Maydale Building – when torn down and replaced by a doublewide at the Nature Center will be the first net zero building in Montgomery County.

#### Local Board Reports

- Eastern County, Mark Pharaoh – no report
- Mid County, Paul Lofgren – no report
- Upper County, Vernard McBeth – absent

#### Ex Officio Reports

- Community Use of Public Facilities, Ron Maxson – camps coming on in February for the first time in ActiveMONTGOMERY.
- Commission on Aging – [VACANT]
- MCPS, June Zillich – absent
- Commission on People with Disabilities, Susan Hartung – absent

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.